(b) whether the advocate through whom he was about surrender, is presently working at a very imporant post in Government of India;

(c) if so, the name of the advocate, the Government official as well as his post; and

(d) whether Government would ensure action after investigating about the relationship of the said official with Pawood, his interest to preventing Da wood from surrendering himself and all other aspects in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGR RAO): (a) to (d) As per available information this particular underworld Don had conveyed to Govt, his willingness to surrender if Govt, accepted certain conditions of his Govt, rejected this proposal of conditional surrender.

Security of Giri Child among Tribals

858. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item apprearing in the Indian Express of April 10, 1999, captioned, 'Here they kill or sell .their Girls': and

(b) if so, whether Government have caused any probe into the practice of killing or selling of girls and the security of the girl-child among the tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Facts are being ascertained from the State Government.

Charge-sheets filed against 1984 Riot Offenders

859. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in how many cases charge-sheets were filed against the persons accused of various offences committed during the 1984 riots; and

(b) how many of these cases are still pending in courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Delhi Police launched prosecution proceedings in 374 cases connected with offences committed during 1984 riots, of which 24 cases are pending trial.

Rangnath Mishra Commission on 1984 Riots

860. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the then Prime Minister in 1990, had repeatedly announced that special courts would be set up for trial of persons accused in the 1984 riots; if so, whether it has been possible to set up two or three courts exclusively for the trial of riot cases on a day to day basis; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Three Special Courts were set-up in Delhi in 1990 for the disposal of 1984 riot cases. However, only two Special Courts, presided over by the same Judge, functioned during the years from 1991 to 1995 to exclusively handle such cases. Later from 1996 till date, one Court each has been functioning in Karkardooma Courts and Patiala House Courts for disposal of 1984 riot cases along with other cases.

Extraction of Zinc Near Ajmer

†861. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the work for extraction of Zinc in Ghooghra Bhunabia near Ajmer and other nearby areas would be started; and

(b) the details regarding progress made so far in the process of extraction of said Zinc deposits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) For exploitation of lead-zinc deposits in Ghughra, Bhunabay District Ajmer, the Mining Lease was granted by the State Government of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.